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Mid-Atlantic Wood Preservers, Inc.  
Fort McHenry Lumber Company  
1901 East Fort Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Attention: Bernard Leidman, President

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 - 1401-1417, inclusive, of the Natural Resources Article, Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume), the Water Resources Administration has determined that a pollution violation has occurred.

Specifically, the determination is based upon the findings of Mr. Raymond E. Riggin, Regional Inspector, Enforcement Division, Water Resources Administration.

On September 20, 1978, Mr. Riggin found that the Richard Morehead well located on Shipley Avenue in Harmans, Maryland, was contaminated with chromium. An analysis report from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene revealed a pH of 4.7 and hexavalent chrome concentration of 7.7 mg/l. In addition, an analysis of the same well by this Administration indicated a total chromium concentration of 19.50 mg/l. The specific section violated is 8-1401 (B).

An investigation of the area revealed that Mid-Atlantic Wood Preservers, Inc., located on Shipley Avenue approximately 100 yards east of the Morehead well, handles a wood preservative which contains chromic acid. Based on these findings, the Administration has concluded that your Company is the probable source of contamination found in the Morehead well.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 - 1401-1417, inclusive, of the Natural Resources Article, you are hereby required to appear before the Administration at the Tawes State Office Building (D-2), Annapolis, Maryland, on October 11, 1978, at 9:30 a.m., to answer the charges outlined herein.

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Direct any questions or correspondence regarding this matter to Mr.  
Raymond J. Schwartz, Regional Chief, Enforcement Division, at 269-3551. ORIGINAL

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Richard Morehead

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